Diary. 1904.

1904

Clear & warmer with light W. wind.
melting off sidewalks where exposed to sun.

Dr. Townsend called about 9 a.m. He pronounced my throat better & advised my going out while I did about noon walking over to the Athletic and lounging there with E. R. S. at 1 P.M. S'ans C. for about half-an-hour. She seems decidedly better & in better spirits but still has much pain.

Returned to Athletic Club at 2 P.M. & spent rest of day & a long evening reading. Tried to write a letter on Cambridge Birds but could make no progress & gave it up in disgust.

1904

Dover.

& the following [illegible]

Snowing steadily all day about 15 in falling. Wind moderate through day, blowing a fine gale at night & drifting the snow badly. ~~N.E. not strong~~ Cold. Thos. said to have been 4° at Sussex.

Dr. Townsend called to treat my throat about 9.30 a.m. He tells me that Ralph Hoffmann went to Moon Id. yesterday & saw there upwards of 50 Ring-billed Gulls & one or two Coot (Fulica), the latter no doubt one Fresh Pond birds. Maynard saw a lot of Ring-bills at Moon Id. last winter. The big Sussex emplies there.

Spent day at Athletic Club, the A.M. in reading & writing letters, the P.M. in working on the Cambridge Dist.

Boston

January 3
(1904)

Still snowing at daybreak & up to 10 a.m. P.M. clear & colder with high N.W. wind. Storm of yesterday one of heaviest for years. Boston streets piled high with snow. Electric & steam roads running but somewhat crippled.

Townsend called to treat my throat for the last time this morning. He says Hoffmann is now in doubt about Sufaspond Ring-billed Gulls seen at Moon Island.

I worked on Cambridge Birds through A.M. and went to Abbottsford at 1.30 lunching & dining there with Miss Snoosy and spending afternoon & evening with C. who continues to improve. Returned to Athletic Club at 9 P.M.

Boston

January 4, 1904.

Clear & intensely cold. – 4° in Boston; – 10° at Harvard Square; – 15° at Waltham. Violent N. W. wind.

Spent a. m. working on Cambridge Birds. To Abbotsford at 12.30 lunching with Miss Swoosy and Margie Deane, spending an hour afterwards with C., returning to the Athletic Club at 4 P. M.

Boston. January 5
1904.

Clear with strong N. W. wind. The coldest morning this region has known for many a year. — 7° in Boston; — 10 at Harvard Square; — 25° at Concord, Mass.

To Abbotsford at 9.30. Spent half-an-hour with C. & then went down town by electric. Mackintosh & I visited the estate box at the Safety Vaults twice taking all our Hospital Life notes over to State St. & after drawing the $12,000 interest due on them returning them to the vaults.

Got back to Athletic Club at noon & did not go out again to-day.

Boston (Athletic Club - St. Margarets) January 6 1904

Clear & milder with light W. wind.

I had a restless, uncomfortable night and was unmistakably ill this morning. Sent for Dr. Townsend who came about 8.30 & at once decided on sending me to St. Margarets. Gilbert & he arranged all the details & I was driven over about 11 a.m. in a closed carriage, well wrapped up, with a hot water bottle & Gilbert in attendance. Was given a front room on ground floor of house #15. It has a French iron stove with hard coal fire. Miss Henders is to be my nurse by day, Miss Galbraith by night.

Boston (St. Margarets) January 7
1904

Sunny and apparently calm
& nicked.

Spent a feverish uncomfortable day in bed
at the hospital. Dr. Townsend called, twice I
believe. Saw no one else save the nurses and
Gilbert. Slept more than half the time. No
pain worth mentioning. Trouble chiefly tonsilitis
Dr. T. thinks.

Louisburg Square pretty & quiet; also very
old-fashioned sunny. I hear the street urchins whistling
Annie Laurie & other airs of forty years ago. They

must get them from a few select street bands which are said to frequent the square when the weather is mild.

Boston (St. Margarets) January 8 1904.

Cloudy, threatening snow which began falling thick and fast before dark continuing through the night. Much warmer, the snow sticky.

My second day in bed at St. Margarets enlivened by a call from C. who to my unbounded astonishment walked into my room about 3 P.M. having driven over from the Abbotsford with Miss Swasey. She stayed only fifteen or twenty minutes.

Boston, (St. Margarets) January 9
1904

Snowed heavily all last night, moderately through this forenoon, the sun coming out in late P.M. Fully 15 inches, they tell me, has fallen during this storm. The snow has been damp & has not drifted much at least in the city.

Much better to-day sitting up, partly dressed in the late afternoon & evening. E. R. S. called to see me after dinner & Sister Frances read to me about an hour from Menjes's Japan. Dr. Townsend called twice, in the morning and at evening.

Bath room alone with water bugs of assorted sizes some no bigger than a grain of wheat.

Boston

January 10, 1904

Clear with fresh N. W. wind.

Rather mild the snow & ice thawing freely on sidewalks exposed to the sun.

Up and fully dressed to day from 9 a.m. to bed time. Frank Manning called at eleven staying fully and hour. Sister Francis read to me from Menpes's "Japan" a most interesting book.

George Farnsworth called about 4.30. Dr. Townsend came at 5. He had been to Milton & had seen there (in the Haywards' Norway Spruces) a flock of Pine Grosbeaks which included two rosy red males.

Boston

January 11
1904

Clear, calm, not cold.

My first breath of out-door air since coming here. Out only about fifteen minutes walking around the Square and up Mt. Vernon Street. Spent most of day reading. C. & Miss Swasey drove over from the Abbotsford at 3.30 staying until four. We had afternoon tea together in my room with the Reverend Mother there & Sister Francis "pouring out". L. Y. Foronsund came only one at 7 a.m. Gilbert appeared about 7.30 [illegible]

City streets piled high with snow. Scores any of it has melted yet but much has been carted away.

Boston

January 12
1904

Cloudy, mild, snowing much of the day but not "walking" at all.

Out walking from 12.30 – 11 a.m.

the Public Garden where ✓ crossing saw a number of House Sparrows and tracks of one Gray Squirrel. The Sparrows must be having a hard time this winter but they seem not [illegible] enough here.

No callers to-day except [illegible] to [illegible].

Sunday
Feb. 7 Clear & mild. Left St. [illegible]
in close carriage 11 a.m. & chose
to Abbotsford. To Harry C's at [illegible] P.M.

[illegible] " 8 Clear & cool. To Abbotsford
at 11 a.m. back to C's at 5 P.M.

Tues. " 9 Clear & cold, walked to Abbotsford
10.30 a.m. [illegible] by car.
6 P.M.

Wed. 10 Clear [illegible]. To Abbotsford
10.30 a.m. Spending day
Dr. G. called at 7 P.M. &
Dr. Blake & [illegible] at 7.45
[illegible] all [illegible] to Blakes at
8.30

Thurs. 11 Clear & cold
with Abbotsford 10.30 12.30
Dr. G. [illegible] [illegible] & I [illegible]
[illegible] 15 B. & [illegible] [illegible]

11 Grey } Grosbeaks Mark 2.
6 Red }

Bethel

February 17
1904

Clear & cold with high N.W. wind. Ther. 0° min, 12° max.

Took a walk with Dr. G., 11–12 a.m., along the new trail to the Woods, as far as 2nd brook. Saw a Chickadee & heard Grosbeaks & Redpolls several times. (20) Redpolls alighted in birch over our heads. I examined them through my glass at about 25 ft. There was not a single rosy-breasted one in the flock. Saw 4 Grosbeaks in orchard on our return. Only tracks noted were those of Rabbits (only a few) & one of Red Squirrel.

Bethel, Me.

February 18, 1904

Brilliantly clear with moderate N.W. wind.

Warmer; Min. 8°; max. 20°.

Dr. Gehring & I went on snow shoes to Rose Meadows, 11 - 12.30 a.m. Fine tramp sun warm in sheltered openings. Woods alive with Redpolls. Must have seen at least 4 or 5 different flocks of from 15 to 30 birds each, most of them in birches or Cowbers. Heard Grosbeaks once or twice. In dense balsam woods very near where Partridge remains were found last December we saw a Hawk to-day. It was flying just above the tops of the trees & passed directly over Dr. G. I saw it for an instant only as it crossed an opening. Had the season been summer I should have thought it a Buteo Calissimus. It was sealing on set wings. The chances are, I suppose, that it was a Gos-hawk & if so a male.

Bethel, Me.

February 19, 1904

Cloudy, calm, milder, with fine dry snow falling steadily. Bird was heavily all day. Ther. 8° - 20°.

Off alone on snow shoes 11 - 12 a.m. following the trail around the woods below the house. Spent 15 or 20 minutes watching a large flock of Redpolls among the birches at edge of these woods. Counted 82 birds of which only 4 were rosy breasted. After spending about 10 minutes on the tops of these gray birches they descended to the snow to pick up the fallen seeds moving about in devious courses working & wallowing in the deep soft snow. Saw them afterwards in trees eating the buds. Saw a Hairy Woodpecker in our orchard. It was eating the pulp of a frozen apple clinging to the tree. I got within 10 or 15 yds. of it. The rest on hand was divided into two separate flocks which shunned companionship.

Bethel, Me.

February 20
1904

Ther.
8° min
20° max

Brilliantly clear with moderate N.W. wind.

Spent about 2 hours in the woods alone this a.m.
Worked with a hatchet, cutting off branches along the trail, until
I became tired & then walked to Rose Meadow returning via the
Glen & Glen Woods trail. It was a beautiful winter ~~morning~~
with crisp air & warm sunshine. ~~[illegible]~~ 9 Redpolls (1 a rose-
breasted ♂) feeding in the top of a tall birch, were the only
birds noted during this walk but 4 Pine Grosbeaks (one a red
♂) visited the orchard while we were at breakfast
this morning. The late afternoon was calm & mild was a
warm, rich spring like light flooding the landscape

Bethel, Me.

February 21
1904
Ther.
0° - min
37° - max.

Brilliantly clear with little or no wind in A.M., a light S.W. breeze in P.M.

George V. Deverell came through from Boston yesterday to spend to-day with me. He appeared at the house (from the hotel where he is staying) at 9.30. We started off together on show-shoes about 10 A.M. in company with Dr. G. & were out fully 2 hours tramping through the Doctor's woods and the Glen woods. Although the morning was simply perfect there seemed to be almost no birds about. Indeed we met ~~with~~ only a Chickadee and (3) Redpolls

Mr. Deverell & I went out again at 3.45 P.M. walking up the wood road about 3/4 of a mile. Saw a flock of 8 Red-polls & a Hairy Woodpecker. An latter in an elm over the village street opposite Miss Trice's house

Bethel, Me

February 22. 1904

Ther. 30° min. 47° max.

Cloudy with snow (about 5 inches) last night and light drizzling rain through forenoon. This is the first considerable thaw of the winter here. The snow wasted perceptibly.

Dr. G. and I were out on snow shoes for about an hour in the forenoon rambling about through the orchard, where we heard Pine Grosbeaks and a Pileated Bellied Nuthatch calling in the distance towards the village, and afterwards visiting the Doctor's birch-woods where we found the fresh tracks of a Partridge. I was surprised at noting so few birds for the weather was most favorable for them to be out in the sun.

Bethel, Me. February 23 1904

Ther 23°. 7 a.m. 35°. noon

Early morning clear; Remainder of day cloudy. Wind S.W. Snow soft & sloppy.

Out of doors from 11 a.m. to 12.30. The Doctor & I first encircled his woods & then spent about half an hour at the brush camp sitting on a bench & comfortable, though without any fire for the air was mild & still. Birds out in numbers. (4) Chickadees in poplars near the house; (20) Red polls in beeches on the trail; (12) Pine Grosbeaks in tops of tall beeches in front of camp & (4) in apple orchard near house; Hairy Woodpecker (♂) in beeches, peck of one gray birch there; Blue Jays (at least 2) screaming for a long time in woods near Hoak field. All the Grosbeaks I got a fine sight of were gray birds.

Bethel, Me. February 24, 1904

Ther 32°-11 a.m.

Cloudy with light N.E. wind and occasional flurries of fine snow.

Walked up woods road alone (11-11.30 a.m.) Flock of 9 Redpolls feeding in low alders hanging back downward like Titmice as they picked the seeds from the crisp brown cones. Very tame letting me get with 15 ft. Two rosy breasted birds in the flock.

Out again on snow-shoes 2-3 P.M. with Samuel Bowles of Springfield & his son. Started a Partridge which burst out of snow within 20 ft. Also a Hey Rabbit which ran fast & far. As we crossed the field above the house on our return a flock of fully 100 Red-polls flew close past us. A minute later we saw a Shrike perched on a larch tip in the woods whence the Redpolls came about 30 yds in from the edge.

Bethel, Me. February 25 1904

Ther. 8° Min 14° Max

Clear & colder with strong N.W. wind.
About 2 inches of fine, light snow fell last night.

Out along this forenoon (11 - 12.15) taking the snow shoe trail through the Green Woods to Rose Meadow and back by way of the old Glen Woods trail. The only living thing I met with was a lone Chickadee. Saw only a very few rabbit tracks and a fresh trail made by a Partridge (which, as I afterwards learned, the young man had flushed) among alders by the side of one path through the Dorton's woods.

Bethel, Me. February 26 1904

Ther. 80 min 180 max

Brilliantly clear with light N.W. wind.

Out with the Doctor in a. m. (10-12)

Taking the Greenwood Road to Rose Meadows and keeping on beyond to a deserted wood chopper's cabin which I had not visited before. Near it we saw a solitary Golden-crest the first noted this month & the only bird actually seen this a. m. Heard Redpolls in the air a few times. Stephens & Preston report seeing a flock of (12) or more Chickadees on Grover Hill and one of (6) Goldfinches in the orchard. I saw (2) Chickadees near my house early this morning

Bethel, Me

February 27

1904 Ther. {−10 min / +22 max.

Brilliantly clear with scarce a breath of wind; one of the finest days of the month.

I spent the forenoon (10-12.30) up the wood road walking to the cross roads & riding on a wood sled to the camps beyond and walking all the way back. The thermometer was only a few degrees above zero when I started but the air seemed warm & springlike. I wore no gloves & was obliged to remove my coat on the way home. Saw (5) Chickadees, 2 Blue Jays, a ♂ Hairy Woodpecker & a rather old Partridge trail. The " " were on the snow in the road picking at piles of horse manure. Two of the Chickadees whistled phoebe in response to my call. Only mammal tracks noted those of Rabbits Red Squirrel (2 trails) & Fox (1 trail). Heard Redpolls near our house 9 Grosbeaks (4 red ♂♂ 5 gray birds) eating frozen apples in our orchard 9 a.m.

Bethel, Me. February 28 1904.

Cloudy & snowing most of day but making only 2 or 3 inches. Wind S. Cold last night but mild through day. Ther. 4° min 32 max.

The Doctor & I were out from 4 to 5.30 P.M. We first visited the camp & built a fire there. Then we went over the Greenwood Trail, to the first cut off & returned by the Glen Wood Trail. Saw a large flock of Redpolls feeding in a tall gray birch. Counted 62 & think there were several more. Heard a Golden-crest & caught a glympse of it flying through dense arbor-vitae swamp. The Doctor started two Rabbits (L. americanus) from under fallen tree tops near the trail. Both looked very white yet showed conspicuously against the snow.

14 Grosbeaks (9 gray 5 red) visited apple trees at 8 A.M. and 6 (3 red 3 gray) at 4 P.M. A.ô Harry W. also there eating apple pulp.

Bethel, Me. February 29, 1904

Cloudy and mild with light N. E. to N. wind

Ther { 28° min / 36° max

Out most of the forenoon working for awhile trimming the lower branches of trees along the Balsam Trail afterwards spending an hour or more at the camp where the Doctor joined me & we had a fire.

In a grove of larches 20 to 30 ft. tall, at the beginning of the Balsam Trail I found, to my surprise, 19 Chickadees assembled in two or three adjoining trees feeding after the manner of the Redpolls ie picking the larch buds to pieces eating a portion & scattering shreds of the brownish fibre on the snow. Where could so many of these birds have come from? I have seen no more than 4 or 5 together before.

Bethel, Me

February 29 1904 (No 2)

I also heard Redpolls a number of times & once saw a small flock passing our high in air. Mr. Preston tells me he saw four Pine Grosbeaks early this morning near the house where he rooms (the Snell's).

What we take to be Weasel tracks were everywhere in the Doctor's woods to-day. They are very peculiar, usually only two tracks one slightly in advance of the other thus:- ° ° . The animal often moves by leaps of 4 to 5 ft. I saw where it had twice descended into holes in the snow by the side of the stems & came out again by other holes several yards off. I have seen these tracks in other places a mile or more distant.

Bethel, Me.

March 1, 1904. Ther. 16° min 26° max.

Snow-storm beginning in the night and lasting through the forenoon about 6 inches of exceedingly light, feathery snow falling. Wind light from S. E.

The Doctor & I went out for a couple of hours or so in the forenoon (10.30 - 12.30). We first went to the camp where we had a fire & spent more than an hour. Afterwards we walked a short distance along Balsam Trail. The woods very beautiful, all the evergreen trees heavily snow-laden. Very few birds about. Saw 2 Chickadees in one place & 3 in another. Heard Redpolls once. (4 Grosbeaks seen on the outboard by Mr. Megrew earlier this week.)

Bethel, Me. March 2, 1904.

A. M. cloudy, calm, mild
P. M. Clear, calm, warm.

Ther. 16° min 32° max

Off on snow-shoes, 10 - 11.30 a. m., following the Balsam Trail to Rose Meadow and returning via the Glenwood Trail. The woods were exceedingly beautiful for but little of the snow which fell yesterday had shaken from the trees but it began to come down in showers, under the influence of the sun & a light breeze, as I was on my way back. I actually did not see nor hear a bird of any kind or any other living thing during this trump although I frequently stopped to listen & look about.

Dr. Gehring counted (17) Grosbeaks in the orchard at seven o'clock this morning and I saw a ♂ Hairy Woodpecker, there (one) (just after luncheon) eating pulp of a frozen apple greedily. Later

in the afternoon (about 4 o'clock) the Grosbeaks reappeared near the house. I saw them first in some lowbeds where they spent about fifteen minutes eating the lowbeds. Before this they flew to the orchard & collected the frozen apples. They seem to make their dessert off them for they rarely remain in the orchard over five or eight minutes. On this occasion I counted 6 fine old red males and 11 gray birds. I think there were one or two more that I did not get.

Bethel, Me. March 3, 1904

Cloudy with light but steady rain coating the trees with ice. A heavy shower accompanied by thunder & lightning at 2 P.M. Wind S.W. Ther 38° max.

The Doctor & I went to "the Shack" at 11 A.M. & built a fire there, remaining until 12.20. Preston, who joined us about noon, reported counting (21). Pine Grosbeaks in the orchard as he passed through it on his way down. I afterwards saw 5 or 6 (one a red ♂) in the woods near the camp. I also saw in the tall lurches directly in front of "the Shack" a ♂ Red-bellied Nuthatch (the first noted here this year) & a lone Chickadee. On the way back heard the flight call of a Redpoll.

Bethel, Me. March 4

1904.

0° 7 a.m.
8° max
2° 9 P.M.

Brilliantly clear & bitterly cold with violent N. W. wind.

Off alone in forenoon (11-12) going the usual round over the Balsam & Glen Wood Trails. They were so hard that I did not put on my snow shoes. Just before starting I saw a single Grosbeak (ad. ♂) in the orchard but during my tramp I did not meet with any living creature bird or quadruped.

Just before sunset I walked up the Wood Road for about half-a-mile. The only bird noted on this occasion was a solitary Redpoll flying over high up. I suspect that most of the Redpolls have left this region within the point would.

Bethel, Maine. March 5

1904. −12° min
Ther + 20° max.

Brilliantly clear; dead calm up to 10 a.m.; light W. wind afterwards.

Had a most delightful & invigorating walk along the Grover Hill road this forenoon (9–11.30) going as far as the intervale – a distance of about 1½ mile & back. Although the thermometer stood at only 20 when I started and 14° when I got back I did not feel the cold at any time while in sunny sheltered places the sun was almost uncomfortably warm. It was also intensely dazzling on the crusted snow and I was glad to put on some smoked glasses which I bought on my way through the village.

Bethel, Maria

March 5 (no 2)
1904

Saw an unusual number & variety of birds: 8 Pine Grosbeaks (4 of them red ♂♂) in our orchard; 4 Chickadees and a White bellied Nuthatch in the maples on our avenue; probably the same Nuthatch and at least a dozen English Sparrows in the elms about the Common; a flock of 137 Redpolls, a Blue Jay & a solitary gray Pine Grosbeak (eating a frozen apple) on the hillside just beyond the mill; a 8 Downy Woodpecker hammering at the trunk of a gray birch by the roadside where it descends to the intervale beyond Grove Hill; on this same stretch of roadside the track of a Partridge in the snow — in all 8 species. I counted the Redpolls rather accurately as they flew from our birch into another about 10 % were rosy breasted. When they flew several males sang (swee-e-t)

Bethel, Maine

March 6

1904. Ther. 8° min. 32 max.

Sunny but hazy. Light, chilly S. to S.W. wind.

Up the Wood Road with the Doctor in A. M. (10-12.30) taking the west branch & following it half a mile or more to the east of a ridge covered with beech, rock maple, yellow & cocoa birches, tall, straight seedling trees attractively blended. There was a small camp in their midst & recent chippings everywhere.

Soon after leaving the fork of the roads we heard a Woodpecker tapping & almost immediately saw the bird, a fine ♂ Black-backed Three-toe. It was working at the trunk of a semi-prostrate & dying balsam. This was actually the only bird seen or heard during this tramp. We came back by way of the Glen Woods where we saw the trail of a Partridge made during the last hour.

(over)

In the late afternoon the Doctor & I went to the Shack & built a fire there. There was a big flock of Redpolls feeding in the larches at the entrance to the woods. I counted 98 birds. He found where one had been killed and eaten in the Swan Sleet trail, probably by a Shrike. Its feathers were scattered about over the swan which was spotted with blood. He picked up the upper mandible & a pair of the skull.

Two flocks of Pine Grosbeaks visited the orchard this morning. One containing 8 red & 11 gray birds came while we were at breakfast; the other with 4 red & 4 gray appeared at 9 a. m. & again about 11. Still others were seen or heard flying about the place later in the day.

Bethel, Maine.

March 7, 1904. Ther. 23° min 38° max

Cloudy with light N. to N. W. wind.
Snowing a little in A. M. Mild but chilly.
Snowed heavily in late P. M. & rained hard all following night

(14 Pine Grosbeaks visited the orchard at breakfast time. I did not examine them closely but saw several red males. A Hairy Woodpecker was there at the same time eating apple pulp. Four Chickadees appeared in the trees over the avenue a little later & 4 Redpolls also flew past.

At 10 a. m. the Doctor & I started for a walk around his birch woods. We found there a large flock of Redpolls (I counted 80) feeding in larches and we heard 2 Blue Jays screaming. The Doctor returned to the house at 11 a. m. I kept on following Balsam Trail. In the heart of the balsam woods through which it leads I heard a Woodpecker tapping. Following up the sound I found a ♀ Picoides arcticus working at the trunk of a balsam. Occasionally (over) the

would pause for a moment & utter the Kloc which sounds so much like an axe stroke. At length she flew, giving the prolonged rattling cry on wing, and alighting on the lateral branch of a tall poplar where, perched 40 feet above the ground, she called Kip. Kip Kip etc. rapidly & continuously for some time. She was evidently greatly excited & as I thought by my presence (I was floundering through the deep snow without the aid of snow shoes) The Kip was apparently merely a modification of the Kloc note. Finally the bird plunged down into the wagon woods again. I thought she alighted near by but could not find her again. Saw 3 Chickadees on this same Trail

Bethel, Maine. March 8, 1904. Ther. 56° max. at 2 P.M.

Cloudy the sun shining dimly at intervals in A.M. Very warm especially in P.M. Calm most of day but light N.W. wind in " "

When the Doctor & I started out at 10 A.M. a Chickadee was whistling loudly & continuously in the tens over the avenue. A number of Pine Grosbeaks were flying about the orchard & among some larches on the lawn. I counted 22 in all. There were at least 5 or 6 red males.

In the birch woods below the orchard we found a flock of 5 Chickadees (2 of which were whistling phoebe incessantly) and about a dozen Grosbeaks 3 or 4 of which were red males. At times several of the Grosbeaks were singing at once, but always sotto voce. As nearly as I could make out their songs

were closely similar to those of the Purple Finch. Some of the low notes which reached my ear were exceedingly sweet. I saw the birds eat pine & maple buds freely to-day. They kept up a low commissoriated chatter, very musical & pleasing but distinct from the song although more or less mingled with it.

In P.M. I went over the Balsam & Glenwood trails & worked on them for an hour or more trimming the branches of the trees. Although I was out 2 hours in all I did not see nor hear a single living thing. Where do the birds spend their afternoons at this season?

The snow settled a good deal to-day.

Bethel, Maine. March 9, 1904

Ther. { 30°. 7 a.m. / 26°. 2 P.M. / 12°. 9 " "

Clear with high N.W. wind and steadily falling temperature; a typical March day of the harsher type.

Walked to post office after breakfast. Saw a fresh Skunk trail evidently made last night following a cross street & leading into a brook yard in the very heart of the village. On returning went to the Shack with the Doctor & had a fire there. Heard & saw a Hairy W. flying over the camp. Heard Grosbeaks also. Preston saw flock of 12 in the orchard.

In P.M. went over Balsam & Glenwood trails without seeing a living thing. Fresh Pileated Woodpecker work made since yesterday. Dr. Gehring saw a Crow fly past the house at 4 P.M.

Bethel, Maine. Portland, Me. March 10, 1904. Ther. 6° min 20° max

Brilliantly clear with violent N. W. wind.

To Portland by 8.45 a. m. train. Sat & talked with Mrs. Talbott of Newtonville all the way down. She had just left her husband in Dr. G's care & was returning. Saw 2 Crows flying over the brook intervals between Bethel & Locke's Mills. There were upwards of 40 collected in one flock near Lewiston Junction and 80 or more near Danville Junction. There was little snow here & some fields were wholly bare.

Dined alone at Lafayette Hotel. Had hair cut after dinner. ~~[illegible]~~ To Union Station 5 P.M. to meet C. & Mary Greenough who arrived from Boston to spend [illegible]

Portland - Bethel, Me

March 11, 1904

Forenoon cloudy & chilly; afternoon sunny. Calm & warmer.

Ther. 34° max 16° 4 [illegible]

C. & I started out just after breakfast and walked about the city for an hour or more buying some flowers etc. Grace meanwhile was making calls. We dined at Union Station where C. & Mary started for Boston at 12.45. I took 1.30 train back to Bethel.

Called at W. D. Hinds' taxidermist store. Bought Black Guillemot in flesh & left it to be mounted. Did not see Hinds himself. He was on his way back from Florida. His chief assistant told me

several interesting things (1) That they received a year ago this past winter 5 or 6 Richardson's Owls in the flesh all of them from Maine & most of them from the immediate neighborhood of Portland. (2) That the Canada Lynx is still common in Maine, especially in Aroostook Co. They had upwards of 20 fresh skins offered the past winter. I saw three Maine skins one of a Lynx taken at Kinddle Dam only about six weeks ago. (3) I was shown a pair of Greenland Eiders taken the past winter near Grand Manan.

Bethel, Maine. March 12, 1904

Clear with fresh N. W. wind. A bright bee rather chilly day. Ther. 12° min 28° max.

Walked along the Grove Hill road in a. m. (9 - 11.30) going as far as the intervale by the brook. Saw (8) Chickadees and (6) Redpolls in a lunch on E. slope of Grove Hill & a single Chickadee further on. Returning heard a Downy drumming near the Bethel House & finally found the bird, a ♂, in an apple tree.

In P. M. (2 - 3.30) followed the Glen Wood trail out to Rose Meadow returning along the Balsam Trail. In an opening just beyond the second brook found 5 Chickadees and 5 Redpolls feeding together in a tall lunch eating the buds. A Parus hudsonicus was with or very near them at first but

it soon left them and wandered off out of sight and hearing into some dense cobalt pine woods calling chit, che-chit or chit, che-dee, dee at short intervals. As it flew across an opening I noticed that it looked much shorter & thicker set than a common Chickadee. The latter has a longer tail, I believe.

Bethel, Maine. March 13

1904. Ther. 14° min 28° max

Clear with harsh N. W. wind.

Off for 3 hours (9.30 - 12.30) in a. u. with Dr. Gehring. We started up through the fields, crossed to the Wood Road, took it western fork & followed this to the wood chopper's camp and beyond this proceeded (on snow shoes) through a wood road constantly ascending, to the old farm on Peter Grover Hill. Here we had a superb view but the cold wind soon drove us back to the shelter of the woods.

We returned via the Glen Woods & Balsam Trails. The snow-shoeing is now fine everywhere & in the fields one can walk without snow shoes on this crust in most

places.

During our tramp this morning we saw (3) Chickadees in the woods on the lower stretch of the Wood Road, (3) more & a Downy Woodpecker in the mixed birch, maple & beech woods near the wood chopper's cabin. There were (2) Chickadees & (4) Grosbeaks (2 red & 2 gray) about the house where we started this morning. On the whole it was evidently not a favorable day for birds owing chiefly, no doubt, to the harsh wind.

Bethel, Maine. March 14, 1904.

Brilliantly clear with light W. wind. Clouds gathering in late P.M. Ther. 16° min. 40° max.

Off alone for practically the entire forenoon (8.30-12) crossed the fields to the Mill, followed the Grover Hill road a short distance & then struck in on the right taking a lane which led first through a succession of pastures growing up to evergreens, next through an extension & well-grown forest of hemlocks, pines, balsams & spruces, and finally to the open country near the steam mill at West Bethel, whence I returned over the Faggot Road. It was a truly

delightful and exhilarating walk for the country traversed was new to me and most interesting & attractive while the morning was simply glorious. The crust is now strong enough to bear my weight everywhere in the fields and openings but I used snow shoes after entering the woods.

In the late afternoon the Doctor and I went to the Birches and had a fire at the Shoals.

Skunk trails were numerous everywhere in the Grove Hill region this morning as well as on the occasion of my last visit (12th)

Bethel, Maine.

March 14, (No 2)
1904

I noted the following birds this morning:- 2 Chickadees and 4 Grosbeaks (2 red, 2 gray) near the house; 2 Chickadees & a White Breasted Nuthatch in some scattered trees near the mill; 4 Grosbeaks (1 red 3 gray) and a ♂ Hairy Woodpecker in an apple orchard at the cross roads just beyond the mill; a flock of 5 Chickadees accompanied by a Canada Nuthatch & another of 4 " " " " Hudson Bay Tit, and a flock of about 80 Redpolls, in the Grove Hill woods. Also heard 2 or more Crows cawing there - a pleasant sound - and a second Nuthatch whining. On my way

back saw a pair of Canada Nuthatches close to a house on the Faggot Road in an old & much-decayed Sugar maple where they were inspecting holes in a dead branch dodging in & out and excavating a few chips. The Nuthatch seen with the 5 Chickadees was ~~gathering~~ getting hemlock seeds from the cones & hiding or storing them behind scales of loose bark – a singular performance for this season. The Parus hudsonicus was true & comparatively silent. It, with its companions, was eating larch buds as were also the Redpolls which were seen at the same time & place.

Bethel, Maine. March 15

1904. Ther 20 min 38 max

Cloudy, calm, mild; snowing at intervals about 1 inch falling.

Spent most of forenoon out of doors rambling about the Doctors fields on snow-shoes looking for pussy willows of which I secured a large bunch to send to C. Chickadees were flitting about near the house calling & giving the Phoebe note. A Nuthatch in an elm near Miss Tree's was calling wot wot-wot. A big flock of Redpolls flew across the fields low down. Crows cawed in the distance.

Pine Grosbeaks were about the place all the afternoon. There seemed to be several different

flocks. I counted 22 birds in one, 20 in another, 15 in a third, 9 in a fourth. Of the 20 five birds were red males. The other flocks I did not examine carefully with respect to proportion of red & gray birds. The Grosbeaks were feeding chiefly on larch beads to-day but they also visited the orchard at frequent intervals to taste the frozen apples. The flock of 22 were in tall sugar the beads of which they were evidently eating.

Bethel, Maine. March 16, 1904

Partly cloudy. Raging N. W. wind.
A wild March day, with deliciously sweet, dry air, however.

Ther. 24° 7 a.m.
22° Noon
18° 3 P.M.
18° 9 . .

Went to the village after breakfast, called at the bank & post office and at Ceylon Rowe's where I bought six pairs of home knit socks. Returning found a good-sized flock of Grosbeaks in the larches just to eastward of house. Counted 16 gray and 6 red birds. Several of the males were singing & at times rather freely I thought. Their songs were very nearly like those of the Purple Finch but less rapid & ecstatic. All this singing was in subdued tones

and exquisitely sweet & tender at times.
I spent more than an hour watching &
listening to these birds standing most
of the time within a few yards of them.
They were busily engaged eating the buds of
the larches which they did most systematically
following each twig out & apparently taking
every bud. Besides the song the birds kept
up a constant low & deliciously musical ripple of sound
not unlike the tinkling of ice. They were
so beautiful & attractive that I did not
leave the spot until they all flew away.
The Doctor & I went to the Shoals in
late P.M. & had a fire there.

Bethel, Maine. March 17, 1904.

10° Eg. min
36° max
20° 8 P.M.

Brilliantly clear with light N.W. wind.
Air deliciously dry & agreeably warm in late P.M.

Visited the Grover Hill country again this
forenoon (8.30 – 11.30). Found a pair of Red-bellied
Nuthatches in the apple orchard at the entrance to the Cave.
Nothing more noted until I had passed through the
big woods & came out on the north side where
in the same large larches where I saw the birds on
the 14 I found 9 Common Chickadees, 1 Hudsonian
Chickadee and about 40 Redpolls feeding busily.
On the way back heard a Crow and saw two
Grosbeaks the latter near the Mill. On the

whole I saw fewer birds than I had expected considering the perfection of the weather.

In the afternoon the Doctor & I went to the Camp & made the circuit of the birch woods. In some bushes found a flock of 5 Chickadees feeding busily. Heard Grosbeaks & saw two or three scattering ones.

In the Grand Hill woods found several fresh trails of a Porcupine and another singular track which I did not recognize. Saw only one trail of a Red Squirrel. They seem to be very scarce here this season.

Bethel, Maine. March 18 1904.

Ther. 14° min. 32° max.

Cloudy snowing fiffully in A. M., steadily in P. M., about 4 inches falling by nightfall. Wind S. at first, afterwards N. E.

Off alone all the forenoon (8.30-12). Went up the Wood Road to Goodwin's Camp where I roamed about for an hour or more through the beautiful hard-wood growth admiring & comparing the different trees. Also spent some time in the wood chopper's shanty talking with its owner. Returned via the Glen where I gathered a bag-full of balsam tips for pillows. During the entire forenoon I noted only a single

bird, a Redpoll which, as I was crossing the open fields south of the house on my way in at noon, came directly over me flying in much the same manner that a male Goldfinch does in summer but describing even deeper and more abrupt curves. As it made each downward & upward curve it uttered the cha-cha flight call once.

Spent the afternoon in the house reading. I have a treatment every afternoon at from 2 o'clock

Bethel, Maine

March 19
1904

Thee { 27° min
42° max

A. M. Clear with strong N. W. wind
P. M. cloudy " light " " "

Spent most of forenoon (9-11.30) on the Glen Wood and Balsam trails rambling over them very slowly, stopping often to listen for birds or to pick balsam "tips". Crows were numerous for the first time. I counted 18 passing in a straggling flight over the Doctor's upper field & afterwards some, or heard either the same birds or others. Heard a Picoides no doubt P. arcticus knocking in the dense balsam woods near the Glen but could not find it. Heard Redpolls

apparently a large flock of them - flying over the Doctor's woods. Judging by their tracks Rabbits must have been out in exceptional numbers last night. Saw only one trail of a Red Squirrel. These animals are very scarce this season. I have not seen or heard one for over a month & I see very few of their tracks.

The Doctor & I went to the Birches together in P. M. & spent an hour there. Heard a Chickadee & a Grosbeak.

Bethel, Maine. (Sunday) March 20 1904 Ther. {30° min / 42° max

Partly cloudy with strong N. W. wind and frequent snow squalls.

Off with the Doctor in forenoon (9-11.30). We went to Grover Hill and I took him through the wood road. We saw no birds except a Tree Sparrow until reaching the northern end of the road where, among the old Larches, we found a flock of 14 Chickadees feeding on Larch buds. There was a ♂ Canadian Nuthatch with them. We also heard a Crow caving.

We went to the Birches in P. M. seeing there (2) Redpolls, a Shrike (perched on a tall Larch) & a number of Crows. The Tree Sparrow noted this morning

was in some bushes over the brook in "Skunk Hollow" very near the hill.

Bethel, Maine.

March 21 1904

Ther. {24° min / 36° max

Brilliantly clear with light N. W. wind.

Spent most of forenoon up the Wood Road going up about a mile and a half. Pulled a bag full of balsam tips & had a long talk with two wood choppers who were cutting pulp wood (firs). Saw three small companies of Chickadees (2 (4) & (4)) two flocks of Redpolls (27 & 27 birds) & several Crows.

In late afternoon went with the Doctor to his birch woods where we saw (2) gray Grosbeaks & heard what I am very sure was a Brown Creeper. A red & a gray Grosbeak were eating frozen apples.

in the orchard this morning.

Bethel, Maine.

March 22 1904. Thr {26° Min. 36° Max.

Cloudy with fine sleety rain at intervals in A.M. & heavy downpour in late P.M. & evening.

Off alone in forenoon (10-12) going the rounds of the Balsam and Glen Wood Trails. Saw a flock of 7 Grosbeaks (only one red bird) eating white pine buds, a ♂ Downy, a flock of about 20 Redpolls, a Hudsonian Chickadee eating larch buds in company with 6 common Chickadees, Crows were almost constantly in sight or hearing flying to & fro alighting on tall trees in the woods & cawing lustily. I cannot imagine what

they can get to eat here for the ground is everywhere snow-covered to the depth of 2 feet or more & there are no berries. They do not act as if they were hungry but they have visited the mouth of one house drain leaving tracks in the snow about it. There are still plenty of frozen apples on the trees but I do not think the crows have touched them.

In late P.M. the Doctor & I went to the Shock & had a fire there.

A single gray Grosbeak about the back door on the ground this P.M.

Bethel, Maine. March 23, 1904 Ther. 33° min. 48° max.

A.M. cloudy and calm. P.M. brilliantly clear with light N.W. wind. Heavy rain all last night.

The Doctor accompanied me on my walk this forenoon (8.30 - 10.30) We went to the Glen Woods. Saw a flock of Redpolls, some Chickadees & a male Downy besides Crows. Heard a Blue Jay screaming. No Grosbeaks noted to-day.

In P.M. the Doctor & I walked around his bitches seeing (4) Chickadees & a number of Crows.

Bethel, Maine. March 24, 1904 Ther. {33° min / 50° max

Brilliantly clear with fresh N. W. wind.

The Doctor & I started out at 8.45 A.M. and spent the next hour strolling slowly through the Birches. Saw there a Brown Creeper, (2) Chickadees, (3) Redpolls (flying) and several Crows. Heard a Canada Nuthatch. After the Doctor left me (10 A.M.) I left on alone traversing the Balsam & Glenwood Trails but seeing no more birds save Crows & 2 Chickadees. Judge Herrick's setter, who accompanied me, started a Rabbit. It passed me within three or four yards

and was in sight for fully 100 yards
running steadily but not apparently fast, with
a peculiar limping gait. It looked dirty
white and showed brown on the back side
of the hind legs.

Spots of bare ground are coming out in
many places in the woods but there
are no extensive areas bare as yet.

The Doctor & I went through his
birch woods on late P.M. hearing
nothing except a Chickadee & a few Crows.

Bethel, Maine. March 25, 1904

Cloudy with strong S.W. wind and occasional light showers. Ther. { 36° min. 50° max

The Doctor & I went to the Camp after breakfast & spent an hour there. Saw a solitary Red-wing Blackbird which flew over S.W. cacking.

I went down town at 10 a.m. to make some purchases. On the way back saw (6) Robins which started from an elm near the Common & flew off S.W. On reaching the house heard a Robin cacking & saw 3 birds in a Creek on road to Paradise. In P.M. the Doctor & I went again to the

Camp. Found a Song Sparrow near it hopping about on a space of bare ground a few yards square under a cluster of firs. (35) Redpoll came into the bricks near & fed there awhile. I saw another flock of (13) near Nine Times. There was a solitary gray Grosbeak eating apples in the orchard all the afternoon. The Doctor saw (2) Gray ones there this morning.

It was a typical day for early spring birds to arrive & I do not doubt that many besides those noted came.

Bethel - Boston

March 26
1907

Cloudy with [illegible] [illegible]

Left Bethel by 9 A. M. train and reached Boston 4.05 P. M. The intervale at Bethel was scarce more than one-half snow covered. & I could hear Song Sparrows singing in two directions from the station. To the S. & E. of South Paris the greater part of the country was bare & I began to see Bluebirds from the car windows. There was practically no snow south of Portland save in the woods. During that

rest of the journey I saw immense numbers of Crows and Sparrows (probably Song & Tree Sparrows chiefly) very many Robins, Bluebirds & Red-winged Blackbirds and 3 Marsh Hawks. Found Frasar on the train at Portland & talked with him all the way to Boston. His health is failing, through arsenic poisoning & he contemplates giving up his business.

On reaching Boston went direct to the Abbotsford where I found C. & E. R. S. & where I am to stay until Tuesday. Dr. Blake examined my ear at 6 P.M. He says I have recovered 75% of hearing but that there is congestion still.

Boston. March 27, 1904

Ther. 32 min

Cloudy and chilly with light N. E. wind.

To early service at Immanuel Church with C. at 9.30 a.m. Heard beautiful music at beginning of second service & then went back to the Abbotsford. Purdie came at 11 and stayed to lunch. At 2 P.M. C. & I walked to the Cunningham's & saw Mary & Harry. Returning found Frank Manning. Miss Fanny Foster called a

little Peter & George P. Durrett at
4 P.M. Staying over an hour.
C. & I spent the evening together
reading & talking

Concord. March 30, 1904

Clear with light S. to S.E. wind.
The ground was frozen hard at sunrise but the middle of the day was deliciously warm.
Spent forenoon on farm rambling about listening to the music of the birds. Tally 60 Tax Sparrows with a number of Juncos & a few Tree Sparrows feeding on the wilted bed in front of barn. Blackbirds very numerous.
To Bell's Hill in P.M. Hansen & Gilbert swept out the cabins. Everything safe. Mice have damaged the lesser tens & shrubs terribly. Many of the barberries & hundreds of young pitch pines are barked & ruined by them. As I was dressing this evening (6 A.M.) I

saw what I took at first to be an immense yellow cat sitting on its haunches in the middle of the field in front of the house. It proved to be a large & very pale colored Fox which presently sneaked off & jumped over the wall into the wood.

The fields are everywhere bare, the roads settled & dry but the snow still lies deep in the pine woods. It is 2 ft. deep in many places on the back side of Bull's Hill

Concord. March 31, 1904.

Cloudy with Chill E. wind.
Snowing fast at evening. The ground froze hard last night.

Spent the day on the farm rambling about above in the woods & fields selecting & marking places for planting evening thus. Fully two thirds of the Fox Sparrows here yesterday were gone to-day but those remaining sang gloriously through the forenoon.

Concord.

April 1, 1904

Heavy north-east rain storm lasting all day and carrying off the snow (about 2 in) that fell last night

Spent day with Howard & Hansen working most of the time in the wood shed. Hansen sawing wood, Howard making bird house, I branding tools etc.

About 25 Fox Sparrows about the buildings singing gloriously all day long in the pouring rain. Few other birds about. Saw a ♂ marsh Hawk skim close past the barn.

Concord. April 2
1904

Clear; early morning calm & rather warm.
A violent & rather chilly W. wind blowing
through the day.

A grand bird chorus of Robins, Fox Sparrows,
Song Sparrows, Bluebirds, Phoebe, Flicker etc.
from sunrise to 8 a.m. When the wind rose it
silenced the birds. I spent day in the orchard
with the men pruning apple trees. Walked to spring
at evening. On way back heard a woodcock whistling
over the cow pasture. A little later found two (&
I think three) woodcock peeping in the bushy pasture.
One of them rose & sang a number of times.

Concord

April 3
1904.

Clear with exceedingly chill & very strong N. W. wind.

To Ball's Hill in A. M. rambling about the woods there for several hours. Went over nearly the same ground with Kirkegard (the nursery man) in P. M. Saw numbers of Fox Sparrows but few other birds.

First Wood Frog (only one) croaking early this afternoon in the pool below the orchard. Un Hyleus as yet

Concord. April 4, 1904.

Clear with light N. W. to W. wind. Warm at noon and afternoon but very cold last nights forming ice fully an inch in thickness on our horse tub.

Spent day on the farm working with the men. We cleared up a lot of debris and began a long bed for planting in the lane. Walked to Ritchie place at evening. A Dove coming in woods below the farm orchard & two Woodcock peeping & one of them singing in the berry pasture. Fox Sparrows still very numerous about the place. A Partridge drumming on the wall at foot of run in O. M.

Concord.

April 5, 1904.

Brilliantly clear with light N.W. to W. wind. Ice as thick as windows glass formed last night but by noon it was uncomfortably warm (probably about 70°)

Spent day working with the [illegible]. We finished the planting beds along the lane, graded the bottom in front of the barn, and dug a drainage ditch through the peach orchard. I also had a long ramble in the woods after dinner. At evening I went to the Berry Pasture. Two Woodcock peeping & one of them singing. I watched him through one entire flight. Robins arrived in folk to-day — were singing everywhere at evening. First Purple Finch. Dove cooing in front of house in [illegible] & at evening.

Wood Frogs in great numbers working this forenoon. First Hyla (only one) this year.

Concord April 5 1904

Clear & warm with light S.E. to S.W. winds.

Arrivals Wilson's Thrush 1 Ball's Hill, 8 A.M.

Rose-breasted Grosbeak 1 ♂ " " " " "

Redstart 1 ♂ hollow near Benson's (not seen)

Brown Thrasher 1 ♂ Ritchie place, sunset.

Mr. Lord & I walked to farm in A.M. Gilbert moved up with our things later. Mr. Lord left me at noon. I spent part of P.M. pointing tools. About 5 P.M. shot a bronzified albino White-thr. Sparrow on the wall in front of the farm house. Knocked way tail feather out. The bird was with another of normal plumage.

Concord

April 6, 1904

A. M. Clear calm uncomfortably warm;
P. M. cloudy with chill E. wind.

Spent day transplanting trees, working chiefly in the Cove and on the Ritchie plan.
Fox Sparrows still abundant & singing gloriously.
First Grass Finch (Ritchie plan)
Purdie arrived late in P. M. He went to the Berry Pasture at wing.
A woodcock prepared a few times & then flew off without singing
Two or three Hylas [illegible]

Concord

April 7.
1904.

Typical April weather, showery in forenoon, clear and warm in P.M. — a great singing day.

In A.M. put wood ashes about trees & shrubs near house. In P.M. Purdie & I with Hanson & Pat went to Everett Mason's back pasture where we dug a large number of beautiful little red cedars. Few birds in the woods. Heard a Hairy Woodpecker there. About 40 Fox Sparrows about the house singing gloriously all day. Geese were heard passing over last evening about 7.30 at Concord by Pat, here by Hanson at Carlisle by Doug.

Concord

April 8, 1904

Forenoon clear and warm with light S.E. wind. Afternoon cloudy with chill N.E. wind.

Spent most of day planting the cedars collected yesterday afternoon setting them on the hillside below the orchard and putting a few about the house. The only arrival noted was a Field Sparrow singing in the berry pasture. About 20 Fox Sparrows on the farm several of them singing most of the forenoon at intervals. A Dove coming in the tall oaks south of the Run. Pardie is still with me. He spent much of the day in the woods.

A full chorus of Hylas this evening for first time. Wood Frogs croaking in forenoon.

Concord. April 9, 1904.

Cloudy with N. E. wind and misty rain. Heavy rain after dark to-night.

Boston. April 10, 1904.

Sunny most of day but with normal April showers. Very warm.

Boston - Concord

April 11
1904

Chiefly cloudy but with a few brief intervals of sunshine and occasional light showers. Heavy rain last night. Cooler.

April 12
1904.

Concord

Heavy rain in forenoon while Forbush & I spent in the wood shed working on bird boxes, frames for cucumbers etc.

After noon sunny with occasional being showers. Went to Bolt's Hill with Hansen, Howard & Pat. Dug seven large Cocktails & a number of small black spruces at Pine Park & brought them to farm. Forbush & I walked to Ritchie place at evening. Saw a pair of Partridges in the solitary poplar just behind the house. The cock flew at once but the hen allowed us to walk past with the yards of the tree

Concord. April 13, 1904.

Clear with strong cool N. W. wind. The surface of ground slightly frozen this morning.

Spent day at farm working with the three men. We planted all the Carolina & Spencer dug yesterday at the foot of the hill below the orchard. Also set out nine hundreds (bought last year) about 2 ft. high / on the hillside near the foot path.

To Bill Island & Prescotts pines on evening. The frosty air silenced the birds but a Great Horned Owl hooted from 5:30 to 6:30 in Sommerville big pines. The Bluebirds have nearly ceased singing

Concord. April 14, 1904

Partly cloudy with several furious snow squalls whitening the ground. Cold with harsh N. W. wind. Surface of ground frozen this morning.

Spent day on farm. All three men went to Everett Masons back pasture & two of them remained there all day digging barberry bushes of which Hansen brought back four wagon loads. We merely "heeled" them in, but they will be planted to-morrow.

At evening rambled through the Bancroft woods. I went with Karl Ellison to Birch Id. woods in A. Id. to cut chestnuts for a gate. Birds silent & few seen. Even the Robins did not sing.

Concord. April 15.
1904.

Brilliantly clear in A. M. with strong cold N. W. wind. Clouds gathering in P. M. & light rain at evening with N. E. wind.

Spent entire day at Ritchie place planting cedars and barberry bushes about the apple cellar.

To Birch Field at evening. Saw a Hermit thrush. Returning heard a Scrush Owl making the rolling call in the orchard. Saw him fly twice. Gilbert went to Boston & brought herring here in the late P. M.

Concord. April 16, 1904.

At daybreak the ground was covered an inch deep with snow and all the trees come down with snow falling. It continued to snow heavily all the forenoon "working" at least 4 inches. In the afternoon the sun came out & melted the snow away in a few hours. At evening snow and ground were hoffrosted by frost.

Spent most of day under cover. Painted all my personal tools red in P. M. At evening took a walk with "Sooky". Saw a Short Eared Owl & 4 Hermit Thrushes in Birch Field. The Owl was shooted twice. The only birds heard singing to-day were a Song Sparrow & a Nuthatch.

Concord. April 17, 1904.

Brilliantly clear with fresh N. W. wind. Ground frozen hard at day break. Mid-day pleasantly warm with the snow washing fast. It was nearly all gone by night.

Karl Schison brought down a wonderful inlaid table at 9 a.m. It had over 3000 pieces of wood of different kinds. He stayed until 11 when I walked up the road & called on Everett Mason. To Ball's Hill in Pull. Lots of birds there. (4) Yellow Palm Warblers, a Pine Warbler, a Ruby crown. Knight (chattering), (8) Fox Sparrows etc. Two of Purple Martins flying over the river near Birch Gate. Got back at Sunset

Concord Boston. April 18
1904

A. M. clear. Clouds gathering in P. M. Warm
Spent forenoon at home [illegible] Trees.
Took 4.24 P. M. Train to Cambridge, Sons Palsey
at Wasson, went in town & spent evening with
C. at the Abbotsford and night at the
Athletic Club.

Boston Cambridge. April 19

1904

A. M. Clear & warm. P. M. Cloudy with chill E. wind. Snowing heavily after dark.

C. & Miss Allyn started for Washington at 9 A.M. I went to Stoneham to see them. Eff. E. R. S. was there & we came out to Cambridge together afterwards. I spent day in garden with Pölsy & his men moving all the plants from the cultivated beds which are to be grassed over. Spent night at the Alvey's where I saw all the family excepting Anna.

Cambridge — Concord. April 20
1904

Cloudy most of day with cold north to north-east wind. At daybreak the trees were thick with snow foliage & the ground snow covered to a depth of two inches. This snow disappeared during the day but more fell again after nightfall this wing.

Spent a.m. working in garden with Patsy & 4 or Dutton Bangs called. To Boston at noon. Dumbed at athletic Club. To Dr. Rands at 2 P.M. To Brooks at 3 P.M. bringing a lot of garden tools there. To Concord in a W. Bedford 4.49 train. A man tried to make off with my overcoat as the train stopped at Lexington. Spent night at the cabin

Concord (Bolt's Hill) April 21,

1904.

Brilliantly clear with high, cold N. wind. Ground white with snow at sunrise. Some of it remained until eight fall.

Spent day with Hansen & Pat transplanting lowers in Pine Park. At evening walked to Davis's Hill.

At 7 a.m. a Carolina Wren began singing near the cabin. As soon as I was dressed I rushed out & found him perched in the very top of a tall white [illegible] just beyond the horse shed. Pat who was with me, says he heard him at the farm yesterday. He had a very loud clear voice & sang 2 songs. Lots of birds about to-day, Barn Swallow (2) & Swamp Sparrow (1) arrived. Two Bobos hooting on Pine Ridge this evening.*

Concord

April 22, 1904.

Brilliantly clear with light S. E. wind. Ground frozen at sunrise but air delightfully warm through day.

Working all day in Pine Park with Hansen & Poe. We set out a lot of small pitch pines to replace those rooted by the line which have also backed a few white pines. Walked at evening over Pine Ridge on Bedford Wooting Ctrs. Went to farm for an hour in Arch.

Arrivals: - (2) Yellow rumps on Ball's Hill this morning. 1 Bittern pumping twice on the Great Meadow at evening. Yellow Redpolls & Horned Thrushes still numerous. 5 Fox Sparrows at Ball's Hill & 3 at farm.

Concord

April 23, 1904

Brilliantly clear with light S. W. to S. E. wind. Much warmer.

To farm at 8 a. m. spending day there. Transplanted a number of current & gooseberry bushes to the new fruit orchard south of the barn. The birds sang freely in the early morning but not much through the day. At sunrise a Dove cooed for a long time near the cabin. Just after breakfast (about 7 a. m.) we heard the Carolina Wren again near the horse barn. He sang only a few times.

Concord. (Ball's Hill) April 24, 1904.

Brilliantly clear with light W. wind. The warmest day thus far. uncomfortably warm in the sun.

Rambled around the Hill & to Pine Park after breakfast. George V. Burnett arrived at 10.30. We started for Davis's Hill where we met Shattuck the gypsy mother man. A little later Edward Emerson & his two sons appeared. We had a long talk & walked through the ~~Hidden~~ Hall woods with them as they were on their way back. In P.M. we took a long tramp to the farm & the big pine woods beyond about Lowrie's. Birds rather silent save in the early morning when they sang freely.

Concord - Boston. April 25, 1904

Partly cloudy. Warm with light S. W. wind. Heavy rain last night.

To Boston by 8.13 train with Mr. Drouett. Parted with him at North Station & hurried to the Bellevue where I saw Dr. & Mrs. Gehring. They said for England to-morrow on the "Saxonia". Next to office. Leander was expected there but he did not appear. Next to Mulligan's where I bought $40. worth of tools. Then back to office where I found E. H. Lord. Dined with him at Young & had a long talk afterwards. We also went over 20 sets of plans for new academy building. Returned to Bolls Hill by 4.47 P.M. train.

Concord. April 26. 1904.

Partly cloudy. Light N. to N.E. winds. Cool at rising and evening; very warm at mid day.

Spent day at farm working with Hansen, Pat & Howard. Iron splinted a lot of raspberry & currant bushes. Pat & Hansen also brought in a load of ground juniper and another of big barberry bushes day yesterday along the Bigelow road. Birds rather silent. Saw a Savanna Sparrow in Bennis' pasture & a White-throat in Cam. Woo Ritchie place both arrivals

Loads began trotting to-day.

Concord, April 27, 1904

Heavy N. E. rain storm with violent wind and floods of rain.

To the farm at 8 A. M. Soon after reaching it I was driven in doors by the rain & spent most of the day in the wood shed arranging tools etc.

As I neared the cabin this evening I heard a Red-wing's chorful Kon-ker-ee. It was the only bird bean enough to sing.

Concord, April 28, 1904.

Heavy N. E. Storm all day with torrents of rain.

The storm continues unabated. Indeed more rain fell than yesterday. The hollows in the fields are ponds & the river is rising one inch an hour. The little brook by the spring at the farm was a roaring torrent this morning with beautiful snow-white cascades.

Spent day at farm working in shed pointing tools etc. Howard the only extra man there.

Saw about a dozen swallows in front of the cabin this morning. They are having a bad time, I fear.

Concord, April 29, 1904.

Raining all day but less heavily than yesterday. Entire country a swamp. River rose two feet since last night & is now at the lower steps in front of cabin. About a dozen swallows flying over water opposite Bell's Hill this morning.

Spent day at home working in the Shore painting tools etc. As I crossed Birch Field at 6.30 I heard both Horned Owls hooting in Lawrence's pines

Concord (Balls Hill) April 30
1904.

Clearing with intervals of bright sunshine. Light thunder showers in P.M. very little wind.

The river was at high flood to-day. The water covered the path in front of cabin 2 feet deep or more. I paddled the whole length of it in my canoe & then through the woods at the foot of Holden's Hill landing at the head of Howe's meadow & walking to the Farm where I spent the day branding tools. It was a calm clear evening when I returned.

Arrivals were 1 Black & White Creeper singing at cabin 8 A.M. Bank Swallow 1 at Balls Hill, 1 at Farm, Solitary Vireo in elms at Farm house, Scarlet Flycatcher 1 called chebec over behind Farm house

Concord (Ball's Hill), May 1, (Sunday)
1904

Brilliantly clear with fresh and cool E. wind.

Spent the forenoon on or near Ball's Hill scrambling in the woods & walking about the cabins. In P. M. sailed down to the big Bedford Swamp and explored it more thoroughly than we before. The water was very high & the flooded wood-encircled meadows very beautiful. There were few birds there, however skirted the shores of my own woods on the way back

Concord May 2, 1904

Brilliantly clear with cool E. wind.

Spent day at the farm setting out peach and plum trees in the first orchard next the woods below the orchard. Before leaving the cabin this morning we put on the mosquito screws. As we were at work on them we all heard distinctly but in the distance this quavering cough of a loon. It must have been flying high for we could not see it. I went to Davis's Hill by camera on my way to ▽ from the farm.

Arrived: Bek. this. Green broadbeaks. Thing Bird - on or from

Concord / Ball's Hill / May 3
1904

Brilliantly clear with light
S. wind. Frost last night but very warm at
noon to-day.
Arrival _ Lowher _ 1 at Farm, singing at 6 P. M.

Spent day at farm setting out currents,
raspberries & various trees & shrubs, Hansen,
Hammond & Pat working. Also Sorry with two men.
Went & returned by course via Hoover's meadow
The water is still higher but falling fast.

Concord May 4
1904

Clear with light W. wind. Very warm.
Vegetation advancing rapidly. Barberry, Spirea, &
apple leaves unfolding, Willows green with young foliage.
Arrivals:- Bobolink ½ Ball's Hill 8 A.M. flying N. high up;
1 Hawk's meadow, 8.30 A.M., heard ✓; 1 Farm 6 P.M. heard ✓,
Over bird flight long twin at wing, Holden's Hill;
Spotted Sandpiper, 2 along river; Upland Plover, call note
heard twice over Great Meadow (Rocky) 6.30 P.M.
Spent day at farm trees planting & doing various odd
jobs. Went & returned by canoe via Hawk's meadow.
Sailed most of way back at wing.

Concord - Boston, May 5
1904

Sunny & warm with light S.W. wind.

To Boston at 8.13 a.m. First to Burdett & Williams to buy a few tools. Trustees met at our office 10 a.m. Present Estabrook, Lavender, Mr. E. H. Lord & I. We worked until 1 P.M. on plans for new academy building. Lunched with Estabrook. Worked a little after lunch. Of 21 plans rejected all but three. To Farquhar's at 3 P.M. to buy flower seeds. With Mr. Lord took 4.47 train to W. Bedford. I rowed him first to Holden's Hill & then to Davis's Hill before dark.

Activities: Gilbert Warbler 1 ♂ W. Bedford. Whippoorwill 1 ♂ Off. B. H. (Gilbert) Scarlet Tanager 1 ♂. Bursens (Gilbert)

Concord, May 7, 1904.

Clear and oppressively warm with strong S. W. wind.

Arrivals: – Chestnut-sided Warbler, 1*; Nashville Warbler, 1*; House Wren, 1*; Yellow-throated Vireo, 1*; Bal. Oriole, 1*; Great Crested Flycatcher, 1*.

First Bat at evening flying about farm house.

First dandelion & cherry blossoms.

Spent day planting gooseberry and rhubarb bushes in front of barn.

Henry & Mary Cunningham arrived at 5 P.M. & have supped at farm house.

Concord, May 8,
1904.

Clear & oppressively warm with strong S.W. wind.
With the Cunningham worked about the farm after
breakfast and later in the forenoon to Bald Hill
where we dined at the Cabin with Jack Ames.
My guests departed by the 4.06 P.M. train &
I rambled slowly back to the farm.
Arrivals: Maryland Yellow-throat 1.x farm, 1.x Davis;
swamp. Nashville Warbler 1.x, farm.
First Tree Toad call this wing.
Shed bush in bloom. Rhodora nearly out.

Concord, May 9,
1904.

Cloudy with N. E. wind and steady rain all day. A warm storm for a north easter.

Arrivals: - Blackburnian Warbler ♂ ✱ in elm in front of house 9 a.m.; Cat Bird 1 ✱ near fence house, (2) seen by Gilbert at Ball's Hill.

On the evening of the 7th I saw a single Bat leave the loft over the wood shed. There was a cluster of 10 or 12 of them hanging there to day.

Transplanted a few garden flowers after breakfast & the men dug 340 young pines for Selon. The rain then drove us in doors. I spent day in shed painting & arranging tools. Walked to Ritchie place & Birch Field at evening,

Concord - Cambridge, May 10
1904.

Forenoon clear, calm & intensely hot. Afternoon partly cloudy with E. wind & light showers.

Spent most of A. M. working with Hansen & Pat in Birch Field digging pines to send to Sutton. Walked to Bolls Hill at noon & took 12.44 train to Cambridge where I visited one place & called on Mrs. Gendder, Miss Alice Allyn & E. R. S. Returned 5.01 train from Arlington going to Concord & driving down.
Arrivals Water Thrush 2 Bolls Hill
Hummingbird 1 Farm & Gilbert

Concord, May 11
1904.

Clear most of day with light W. to S. W. winds. Very warm in the afternoon.

Only arrival noted was a Red-eyed Vireo in feeble song.

Spent day working in the flower garden with Pat & Howard. At evening strolled to Ritchie place & the Berry Pasture. When we opened the Ritchie barn this morning a pair of Barn Swallows entered & at once settled in an old nest. They went to roost in this nest at evening

Concord, May 12
1904.

Clear most of day with light n. wind. Cool in early morning; very warm at mid day.

Arrivals - Canadian Warbler, ♂, Balls Hill; Wood Thrush - ♂ at 7 am.

Outdoor Bongs spent the forenoon with me. I went him at West Bedford at 9.06 A.M. & we walked over most of my lands leading the farm about noon. He returned by 2.20 P.M. train & I spent the afternoon walking in the flower garden. Walked to Ritchie [illegible]

Concord, May 13, 1904

Cool in early morning, very warm through the day. Light breezes from W., N., and E.

No new birds noted to-day and none certainly migrating (save a Pseudo Warbler) observed. The flight this spring is little if any better than last year. (I mean of early May birds)

Spent forenoon planting wild flowers along the path to the Ritchie place. In P. M. worked with Howard & Pat straightening out the flower garden. Walked to Ritchie place at [illegible]. Several early apple trees in full blossom. Rhodora, beginning to flower.

Concord – Boston – Providence; May 14. 1904

Cloudy with chilly E. wind.

Gilbert & I drove old Charley to Concord this morning to take the 8.06 train. Took heavy water out. We went to Boston & I took 10.16 train to Providence where I joined C. at the Biltmore where she has spent the past two days. We lunched there & walked about the neighborhood. Took 3.23 train to Boston & walked to the Copley-Plaza where she is to stay until June. Gilbert & I then walked to St. Benedicts where I saw Sister Francis. We returned to Concord by 6 P.M. train & Gilbert & I drove home to the farm

Concord, May 15
1904

Cloudy & misty with strong, cool N. E. wind. Began raining smartly about dark. Every sign of another heavy storm upon us.

Spent A. M. working in the flower garden which is now in almost perfect order. I have transplanted a lot of things, planted nearly all my flower seeds (annuals) and edged all the walks accurately by line.

Spent P. M. in Birch Field. Put wood ashes about a lot of things & moved a number of seedling lupins. Apple trees in full bloom this evening – a glorious show. Rhodora in full bloom also.

Concord - Boston, May 16
1904

Early morning cloudy; remainder of day clear with strong N.W. wind. Evening very cool.
Arrivals:- Two Black polls, 1 Gray. [illegible]

Took 8.13 train to Boston walking to Bell's Hill. Went first to the Abbotsford where I saw C. & E.R.S. next to our office. Then to Buell's where I bought a few tools.
Took 1.15 P.M. train (Fitchburg R.R.) back to Concord. Down to the Emersons where I saw Mr. & Mrs. E. Flower, & Mrs. Jim Putnam. Then back to W. Bedford by electric & thence to the farm walked to Birch Field at [illegible].

Concord, May 17
1904

A. M. Sunny but hazy. P. M. cloudy with light showers. Cool with strong S. W. wind.

C., E. R. S, Sister Francis & Miss Henders came up to day. I did a little work before their arrival at 12 noon when we all went to the cabin dining there. After dinner C. drove to the farm & the rest of us walked through the woods. They departed at 3.40 to take the 4.20 train back to Boston. After this I wanded the wild gardens behind the barn.

Arrival Golden-wing Warbler on wood in Berry pasture at evening. A pair of Barn Swallows entered the farm barn & [illegible]

Concord, May 18,
1904

Cloudy with strong N.E. wind and rain all the afternoon.

Arrived Turdus Swainsoni ♀ Pulpit Rock, 11 A.M.

Spent A.M. working with Hansen & Pat at the western entrance to Birch Field where we cleared out & cut up & burnt a number of birches to make room for a plantation of hemlocks & mountain Laurel just received from Mason, N.H. In P.M. worked with Pat weeding the wild flower beds behind the barn.

Concord - Boston - May 19,
Cambridge. 1904

Cloudy with N.E. wind and occasional heavy showers.

Drove to Concord this morning & took the 8.06 train to Cambridge. Spent about an hour at Mason. The garden looking very beautiful. Saw a ♂ Downy Hum. Also Yellow Warbler, Redstart, Oriole etc.

To Boston at 10.30. Called at Abbotsford & waited there over an hour for C. but she did not return. Then went to Office, bombed with Mr. E. H. Bond. Trustees meeting at 1.13 to 3.30 to consider plans. No final decision. Present E. H. Bond, J. K. Bond, Judge Bell, Judge Abbott, Dr. Scott, J. L. Burrows, Arthur Estabrook & Mr. Mackenzie.

Took 4.47 train back to West Bedford & walked to farm. Fully 300 Grasshoppers & Smelts flying about Bull's Hill.

Concord May 20, 1904

Forenoon sunny & oppressively warm. Thunder shower about noon & another at 3 P.M. Evening cloudy & calm.

Spent day at W. end of Birch Field working with Hansen & Poe planting a large number of hemlocks and small maidens. Cornels received from Barnes of Wilson, N.H. Put all but one or two of each in a nursery bed.

Walked to Ritchie Plain at wing. Birds singing freely. To my surprise a Woodcock was peeping & singing in the Bury Pasture when I returned.

Afterwards Night Hawk (2) flying N. at wing over Ritchie Plain.

Concord, May 21,
1904.

Clear & warm with light W. wind.

Very many Warblers in woods about farm this morning and a number (including 2 Black Polls, a Black & Yellow, an Uscua, a Blackburnian & a Wilson's Black-cap) in blossoming apple trees in our orchard.

Spent a.m. in Birch Field where we finished planting the hemlocks & mountain laurels. In P. M. work in the flower garden. Walked to Ritchie's pond at evening.

Concord, May 22, 1904.

Brilliantly clear with strong, soft S. W. wind.

Arrivals Black-billed Cuckoo 1.* at farm; Greater Yellow-legs (3) flying over Great M. at evening.

Northern migrants noted:— Swainson's Thrush 2 (1.* at evening) Water Thrush 2 at Ball's Hill.

From 8 to 10 a.m. I rambled about the woods & fields near the house, walked down the road to Peterson's & made a call at the Howes'. Clarence J. Blake M.D., his son Tom, & George V. Durrell arrived at 10.30. We walked to Ball's Hill where we found Edward Emerson. We fine dined at the Cabin. The Blakes & Mr. Emerson departed at 4 P.M. After that Mr. Sewrill & I walked to Davis's Hill. I had him across the river at 6 & walked slowly back to farm.

Concord - Boston, May 23, 1904

Clear & warm with strong S. W. wind.

Gilbert & I drove Charley to Concord this morning, left him at Ward's stable to have his teeth filled, and then took the 8.06 train to Boston. I went to the Abbotsford & spent an hour with C. Next to office where I met William T. Burnster by appointment & had a talk with him about his father & Edwin. H & I then lunched with Austen at the Exchange Club. After that I did some shopping & Gilbert & I returned to Concord by the 4 P. M. Fitchburg train

Concord, May 24, 1904

Clear & hot with light S.W. wind.

Spent day on farm working with Pat & Hansen, weeding etc. At evening walked to Birch Field & back through the oak woods along Benson's Cove. Ladies slippers in full bloom. Apple blossoms & rodora past their prime. Lilacs in bloom. Mosquitos more numerous than I have all seen them here before. The Toads spawning & in full cry.

The only northern birds noted to-day were 2 ♂ Black-polls. This evening about 7.30 as I entered the lower end of the new road that connects the farm Cove with the Pitchin place. I saw a Woodcock standing erect & still on the smooth grounded roadway. As I advanced she began beating her wings on the ground and utterings a low, harsh, nasal ch-ch-ch-ch. She kept ahead of me, following the road, & occasionally flying a few yards to the barn at the head of the Cove where she finally moved it & I alighted in the oak grove behind. Of course she had young but I saw no signs of them.

Concord, May 25,
1904

Clear with light S.W. wind. Not so warm as yesterday. Light thunder shower at evening.

Spent day at farm working at various tasks chiefly out of doors. Among other things with the help of Hansen & Pat I put bisulphide of carbon in upwards of a dozen holes supposed to harbor woodchucks. Long worked at the Ritchie place all day finishing the planting there.

Saw a perfectly fresh deer track (that of a yearling buck) this morning on the roadway that leads from the farm to the Ritchie place.

Concord, May 26, 1904.

A. M. clear & intensely hot.

P. M. oppressively sultry with a procession of thunder showers – no less than four of them all accompanied by heavy rain & incessant lightning.

Spent day working in the flower garden with Hansen & Pat. It is now in "apple pie" order with practically everything finished & most of the flower seeds up.

The northern migrants appear to have all departed & all us summer birds are now here. The woods are in full leaf. The toads spawning & very clamorous. Hylas have become silent the past few days.

Concord, May 27, 1904.

Forenoon calm & oppressively hot. A heavy thunder shower at noon. Afternoon clear with cool west wind.

Spent A. M. working in the flower garden & close about the house., P. M. weeding the wild garden just east of the barn. Walked to Ritchie place & the Bury Pasture at wing. Set out two plants of Rhododendron maximum received from Mason, N. H. putting them in the Barrett run near the woodway.

Concord - Boston, May 28, 1904.

Brilliantly clear with fresh, cool W. wind.

Spent A. M. working about the place with Hansen Pat being away to-day. Worked chiefly in barn & shed arranging things. Soon after dinner Gilbert & I worked to Ball's Hill where I roamed about in the woods for an hour cutting a lot of Cochis' Slipper flowers which are now at their prime. We took the 4.24 train. I went to Boston where I spent the night at the Abbotsford with C. Sally Dearborn called & we escorted her home. It was a cool beautiful evening with a full moon.

Boston - Concord. May 29, 1904.

Forenoon cloudless & cool. Afternoon cloudy. A fine strong westerly wind all day.

Went to Emmanuel Church with C. at 9.30. Mary Greenough met us there. I left them at 10.50 & took Arlington Heights electric at 11 going directly through (with one change) to W. Bedford reaching the cabin at 1 P.M. & the farm at 2 P.M. Just before I got to the house Gilbert saw a Weasel in our wood shads the first we have once noted on the farm. In Carter P.M. walked down the road past the Howes' & back across the Ritchie place. Heard a Nashville Warbler in Birch Field at 2 P.M. & a Golden wing behind barn at using

Concord, May 30, 1904

Cloudy with S. W. wind and heavy rain all P. M. & into evening.

Spent the forenoon prospecting for pine timber which I intend cutting next month. Also worked a couple of hours on cutting out a new wood road to lead through the Prescott pine lot past the lone block birch. Reached the cabin at noon & dined there. There were only a few people on the river & these disappeared when the rain began. The mosquitos at Ball's Hill were terrific. Heard a Blackburnian wood Pulpit Rock & a Canadian Warbler in Davis Swamp.

Spent P. M. writing in the farm house. No walk at evening; it was steel rainy.

Concord, May 31,
1904

Partly cloudy. Light S. E. wind.

Spent day working about the farm.
An uneventful day. Saw for news
from C. that she had fallen again
& hurt her knee rather badly

Concord, June 1,
1904

Cloudy and cool with strong E. wind which brought fine, drizzling rain in the late afternoon.

Feeling anxious about C. I took the 8.13 train to Boston going by way of Barr's Hill. I found her better. Mrs. de Jersey was with her. I went out to Cambridge at 11. The Garden as beautiful as a dream & fairly ablaze with flowers. Two Orioles, a Chippy, 2 Redstarts singing them. Hall reports a pair of Cat Birds. Took 2.10 train back. E. H. Forbush [illegible] this wing to pass the summer.

Concord, June 2,
Boston 1904.

Cloudy with N. E. wind and a drizzle of fine rain at intervals. Very cool.

Gilbert went to Boston by 8.13 train. Forbush & I spent an hour after breakfast discussing plans for Dean's work & then walked to Ball's Hill. Crossing river saw at least thirty Swallows mostly Barn (with 2 Eaves, 2 Bank & 1 White Bellied). There were also (6) Swifts. All these birds were skimming low over the meadows.

Forbush went up the railroad track towards Concord for pinks (Silene pen) of which he collected nearly a bushel of fine plants. I took 10.30 electric reaching Boston at 12.30. Lunched in Exchange Building & got back to our office at 1. Trustees of Academy met 1.30 - 3 P.M. Long discussion of plans ending in rejection of all of them, but one of the architects will be asked to redraw his plan. To Dr. Blake's by cab at 3.30. Saw him & Dr. Walker. They say my ear is nearly well & my hearing above normal. Called at Abbotsford but C. was out. Got Dalley & drove to Hudson. Gilbert & I returned on 4.47 train. Forbush [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. I walked Hardy to [illegible]

Concord, June 3.
1904.

A. M. cloudy with one or two light showers.
P. M. sunny & very warm with S. W. wind.

Spent entire day working with Forbush & Hansen in Fire Hole Opening east of Birch Field. First we cut out a lot of trees & burnt all the brush. Next we prepared a plot of sandy ground & enclosed it with wire netting. Finally we planted a portion of it with the pinks Forbush got along the Railroad yesterday. Two Grosbeaks, a Towhee, a Tanager, a Vesper Sparrow, a Black-thro. Green & a Chestnut Side Warbler singing near us all day. A Partridge drumming, also.

Concord, June 4,
1904.

Clear with light E. wind. A fine day.

Spent entire day working with Forbush in Fire Hole Opening. We completed the fence begun yesterday and spaded up a considerable portion of the enclosed area in preparation for violets. I moved a number of yearling lupines. The roots are already 7 or 8 inches long.

Walked to Ritchie place at evening

Concord, June 5;
1904

Warm and oppressively humid. A light thunder shower in the afternoon.

Spent forenoon writing letters & cheque for bills. Kirkegaard came after dinner & I took a walk in the woods with him. Afterwards worked the flower garden. Called at the Howes' in the early evening. The first Indigo Bird appeared at the farm to-day.

Concord, June 6,
1904.

Cloudy threating rain which did not come. Wind N. E. Cool.

Spent day putting up a wire netting fence about the front orchard to keep out woodchucks & rabbits. Forbush & Hansen working with me also Pat. A red Scrach Owl in a leafy apple tree in the orchard was surrounded all day by an angry & excited mob of birds.

Walked to Ritchie plover & Bunsen's at wing. On way back started a deer near Pulpit Rock. He went off with a great crashing. I did not see him

Concord, June 7,
1904

Cloudy, calm, humid & rather sultry. Heavy thunder shower about 3 a.m.

Spent day working in the shed with Forbush. He arranged the tools on the wall in the upper room a task of no slight difficulty. Although we made a great racket the Bats were not disturbed. There are 15 of them now.

Walked to Ritchie flow at evening.

To my surprise a Black-poll Warbler was singing most of forenoon in the tree near the house.

Concord, June 8, 1904

Cloudy, misty, humid & cool with N.E. wind but no rain.

Woodcock & I continued our work on the rearrangement of the tool room over the shed keeping at it all day. Howard worked with us. Gray & two men worked on the well in the meadow, putting a filter bed of clean sand around it with a covering of cement. I had not worked this evening.

Concord, June 9,
1904

Clearing with alternate cloud & sunshine. Wind still N. E. very cool.

Spent the day cutting pines in the Pulpit Rock woods with Forbush, Howard & one of Long's men. They are for timber & I intend peeling them. A Blackburnian singing in these woods.

Walked through the Barrett oak woods to Birch Field at evening.

Concord, June 10,
1904.

Cloudy most of day with occasional bursts of sunshine. Calm; cool.

Forbush & I spent the forenoon putting up tools in the chaise house. In the afternoon we went to the Pulpit Rock woods & hauled a number of pines removing the bark carefully in square flakes. Long & two men worked on the place all day. At evening I walked to Burson's with Forbush, returning alone via Birch Field where I started two Partridges from a poplar. Is it possible they were budding?

Concord, June 11,
1904.

Brilliantly clear with light cool E. wind.

Spent most of day on farm. In A. M. Forbush & I worked in the tool room. In P. M. we put up a wire netting fence around the vegetables at Ritchie place. Doing worked all day with two men making rockeries etc. near the house. One of his men pulled most of the logs cut day before yesterday.

I walked to the Ritchie place at evening. The same blue Pigeon had gone to roost on the same stub. The Phoebus nest in barn cellar had 5 young well feathered but not able to fly to day. Just a week ago (on the 4th) I examined it critically & it was empty then. Someone must have removed the young & returned them afterwards.

Concord, June 12, (Sunday)
1904

Brilliantly clear with light S. E. wind. Cool.

In A. M. went to Davis & Ball's Hills with Forbush to lay out & explain his summer's work. There were many boats & launches on the river but we saw no one ashore. Birds seemed to me scarce in the Balls & Davis Hills region.

Wrote letters after dinner. About 4 P. M. started for a walk. Went through Pulpit Rock woods to Birch Fields & back through the Barrett oaks. Cut two small pines for towel rolls.

To Ritchie place at evening. Started a woodcock from a potato patch in the hollow behind the barn. (It is quite wet now)

Concord, June 13,
1904

Clear and cool with light E. wind.

Spent forenoon at the Farm working in the garden and doing various odd things. In late afternoon we moved to Bolles Hill to spend the night there. No less than four different Bitterns were pumping at sunset, one nearly opposite the Cabin, another opposite Benson's landing - two still further up the meadow.

Concord - Boston - Wolfeboro, June 14, 1904.

Clear & cool with light S. W. wind.

Took 8.13 train to Boston & with Arthur Estabrook 9 A.M. train for Wolfeboro. The "West Wind" met us at the Wiers Mary Lord, Miss Hartz, & Mr. & Mrs. Mackintosh on board. J. K. Lord & Dr. Muckland arrived by down train at noon. We leveled crossing the Bath as usual. Saw a brown Eagle. Trustees meeting at 2.30. Dinner at Hobbs's Inn at 5 P.M. Graduating exercises in evening. Less good than usual. Two large & two small colonies of Martins in village. probably 100 birds in all. Chimney Swifts swarming at evening.

Wolfeboro, N. H., June 15, 1904.

Cloudy, warmer, light S. wind.

Spent most of day cruising about bulk in steamer "West Wind". All the teachers saw Mr. Bond & most of the Trustees aboard. Saw another brown Eagle & heard a Hermit Thrush.

Reception at town hall in evening, downing afterwards. I think one walk with Mary Bond. Got home at midnight. Hoebling Vires, Yellow the. V., Bobolinks, Orioles etc. in village. One White Br. Nuthatch there. Mind Thrasherens for breakfast.

Wolfeboro, Merrimac, Andover, June 16, 1904.

Clear & cool with light W. wind.

Took 8 a.m. train for Haverill with J. L. Burrett & Ada. At Haverill took electric for Merrimac, arriving there about noon. Dined at Charley Noyes's with his family & Uncle Henry. Afterward called on Aunt Abby, Mission, Uncle Henry & Bottie & Warren & Clara Gould. Aunt Abby failing mentally. All the others fairly well except Bottie who has neuritis. To Andover by electrics in late P. M. Took tea at Edwin's & spent night at Beaudry's.

Andover, Boston, Cambridge, June 17, 1904.

Clear & cool with light W. wind.

Spent forenoon at Andover. Called at the Fullers & saw Sam & Con & their children.

Leander & I took noon train to Boston. Trustees meeting at 1.30 to consider plans for new academy. Mac. Tailored an architect there. To Cambridge at 4 P.M. Garden lovely. Pair Cat Birds with nest; Yellow-billed Cuckoo's nest in pear tree near pond; Grosbeak's nest in lilacs from which young has just flown. Yellow Warbler, Redstarts, Grackles, etc. Small Robin, roost in lilacs. Spent night at Walter Deans.

Cambridge - Cos Cob, June 18.

1904.

Clear & warm with S. wind.

Spent A.M. in Museum. Took 1.07 P.M. train for Connecticut. Reached Cos Cob at 6.30. Started to drive to Seton's in back wagon with boy driver & thin, tired horse. Stopped at the Inn to pick up a Mr. & Mrs. Moody where a big red automobile came hurtling around a corner & dashed straight at us stopping at our fore wheel. The tired horse broke his harness in a twinkling & galloped off with the boy dragging in the rear. After berating the chauffeur soundly we finally forgave him & he took us all in & carried us to Seton's. Mrs. Seton, her mother, Seton, his niece Miss Thompson, the Moodys & I sat down to dinner about 7.30.

Cos Cob, Conn., June 19,
1904.

Clear & warm with light S. W. wind.

Seton & I spent forenoon roaming about his place.

It is very beautiful, especially about the bodies.

He has over 100 kind of fowl there. I counted 62 in

the open water at Sunset Canada Geese, Snow Geese,

White fronted Geese, Brant (2) Blue Goose (1), Canvas Backs,

Red Heads, Greater Scamps, Mallards, Shovellers, Pintails,

Widgeon, Blue & Green winged Teal, Gadwall, Shovellers etc.

One pair Canada Geese had 4 young. Chats, Tanagers, Hard

Peeves, Great Crested Flycatchers, Black-thr. Green Warbers,

& many other birds. Ate wrong down to Greenwich & dined at Mrs. Culvers.

Write a Mr. & Mrs. Addison. Home about midnight

Cos Cob - Boston - Concord, June 20, 1904

Clear & hot with S. W. wind.

Left Cos Cob at 8.11 a.m. & reached Boston at 2 P.M. coming over the New York & N.E. R.R. through Andover, Conn. Called at Office & took 4.47 train for Concord. Everything safe at Bolli Hill. Forbeadle & bins wife there. Pat same a dear, a large book in songs - an Pine Ridge Cast work. I walked to Barrett Meadow at evening. Bittern pumping, Dove coming, Thrasher, Vireos (3) Cat birds (3) Song Sparrows etc. singing. Two adult Night Herons flying over meadows. Toads squawking outrageously not many mosquitos now.

Concord, June 21,
1904

Partly cloudy. Warm with light S. W. wind.

Moved from the cabin to the farm this morning. Spent most of day working with Hanson & Derby in the flower garden & about the house, weeding flower beds etc.

Concord – Lancaster, June 22
1904.

Forenoon clear & oppressively hot.
Just before thunder showers in P.M. Evening clear & cool with strong N.W. wind.

Spent most of day on farm working at various odd jobs. Picked 5 boxes of strawberries. Very are abundant & fine this year.

Took 6.34 P.M. train for Lancaster & spent the night at Miss Holmes'. C. & I walked down the road across the bridge at evening. The meadows flooded with fire flies. A glorious

Lancaster - Concord, June 23, 1904.

Cloudless & cool with light W. wind. A gloriously beautiful day.

C. & I took our old time walk down Cemetery Dam 10.11 a.m. Birds seemed rather scarce. The big dam has been undermined by the water & has fallen into the river blocking the channel. At 11 we drove over to the Thayers but they were all absent. We later drove to Pennellin Hill. I took the 3.17 train to Concord with Gilbert & Howson with & drove us to the Farm. I walked to Rutlin place on wing.

Concord Wolfeboro Boston, June 24, 1904

Clear & cool but warm at Wildcat.

Gilbert & I drove to Concord this morning & took the 6.34 train to Boston where I met Arthur Estabrook, Ernest Bowditch per Mac Farland & with them went to Wolfeboro to discuss & decide on the exact location of the new academy. We lunched at Mr. Dowd's, returned to Boston by the [illegible]. I spent the night at the Athletic Club.

Boston - Glendale. June 25, 1904

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Glendale, Mass. Jan. 26,
1904.

Clear & oppressive, [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
showers at evening.

Spent most of day about the place working
in Mrs. [illegible], [illegible], in the [illegible]
to the [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Glendale, Mass. June 27, 1904

Clear & cool [illegible].

Spent [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] found [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and finally [illegible] [illegible] in field [illegible] [illegible] have noticed a [illegible] [illegible] that.

[illegible] I spent the afternoon planting hemlocks & ferns in an opening in the woods behind the house. [illegible] gnats which appear to be the same as the midges or "no-see-ums" of the north are numerous & very troublesome here.

Glendale, Mass., June 28, 1904

Cloudy [illegible] with light rain in [illegible]

Spent [illegible] plants in the woods [illegible] the house. [illegible] the [illegible] with [illegible] after dinner getting in all enough plants & ferns. We fill a flour barrel which I have sent to Concord by express. Later in the afternoon [illegible] I walked to the Bowker place. Mr. Bowker has made a pretty winding road through some pine woods rich in ferns, various kinds with beds of Moneses in full bloom. Wood Thrushes & Veeries singing here. Also a Tanager. Big brood of young House Wrens among dense pines.

Glendale, Mass. June 29, 1904.

A. M. cloudy with steady rain. Clearing in P. M.

Spent A. M. in the studio writing letters. In P. M. Dan & I walked to Knights' little ice pond where we found the newts as numerous & interesting as ever. The solitary plant with long creamy white plumes was also in full bloom in the old place by the wood road. Mr. Mr. Bowker & Mr. Mitchell at the pond. Miss Hart called just as we got back.

Glendale – Concord. June 30, 1904.

Cloudy with showers in P.M.

Left Glendale at 9.30 A.M. and took trolley car to Pittsfield, thence by steam road to North Adams where I had to wait three hours the 1.05 east bound train being over two hours late. Reached Concord at 7.30. Mr. Mauers drove me to the farm where I found Gilbert & "Darry"

Concord, July 1,
1904

Partly cloudy with thunder showers in P.M. Excessively sultry.

Spent day at farm. Set out all the plants collected at Glendale, under the flower garden etc. Forbush working putting up a pavilion for the Fourth. Pat sawing wood. Birds still singing rather freely.

Concord, July 2,
1904.

Forenoon Clear & cool with strong W. wind.
Thunder shower with violent wind & heavy rain 2 P.M.
Clear & cool afternoon.

Spent forenoon working about the house & garden.
Drove to Concord to meet 1.19 P.M. train on
which C. arrived from Lancaster. The thunder shower
coming up before we left the town we stopped at
the Colonial for an hour & C. had dinner there.
After reading the forenoon we walked about the
garden for another. Forbush finished putting up
the pavilion this evening.

Concord, July 3,
1904.

Clear & very cool with fresh W. wind. A superb day but more like October than July.

After breakfast C. & I walked to the Ritchie place & afterwards to the Howe's where we found only Mr. Howe at home. Returning C. rod to me for an hour or two. In the afternoon we read & walked about the place & read aloud. The birds sang freely to-day. I heard Red Crossbills on the 1st & again to-day.

Concord July 4, 1904.

Clear and cool with fresh West wind.

Walter & Margie Dearn joined us at the farm house this morning. Walter & I had several short walks in the woods & about the farm during the day. At evening we had fire works in the field in front of the house. All the neighbors were invited & most of them came - some thirty or more in all.

Concord July 5,
1904.

Forenoon sunny but hazy. Afternoon cloudy with a succession of violent thunder showers. Intensely sultry all day.

E. R. S., Purdie & Gilbert arrived at 10 A.M. We played croquet much of the forenoon. A fine dinner with Walter, Margie, Lovey, C. Purdie & Forbush. A big birth-day cake for me. We all left in late P.M. driving to Concord & talking the cars to Cambridge. Found a beautiful sun-dial set on a sensible shaft in the Garden a birth-day present from the Walton Club. Took tea at Walters.

Cambridge - July 6
1904

Clear & warm with almost no wind.

Spent most of day in Museum writing letters etc. Our Cat birds have successfully raised & commenced their first blood. Young Robins, Yellow Warblers, Chippies, Redstarts & Grosbeaks are also flying about the Garden. Saw one or two Swifts at evening. A pair of Yellow Bill Cuckoos built their nest in a pear tree but no young have appeared. I heard the old birds to-day.

Cambridge, July 7
1904

Clear & warm.

Spent day in museum writing letters etc.

Cambridge. Boston, July 8
1904

Clear & warm.

Spent most of day in Museum writing letters etc.

To Boston at 4.30 P.M. to see Dr. Bloch.

He tells me that I must not work more than three hours per day for the present as there has been a return of congestion in the ear & other unfavorable symptoms. I had hoped to attack & finish the introduction to Cambridge Birds this summer but I fear it will now be impossible.

Cambridge – Concord July 9
1904

Clear and cool.

Gilbert & I took 8.34 a. m. train to West Bedford. Crossing the river I spent an hour at the Cabins with Forbush & then walked to the farm. In the afternoon Forbush Pat & I put up some trespass signs in the Berry pasture & did some walk out the Ritchie place. I walked about the farm & orchard at evening. Birds still singing freely.

Concord - July 10
1904.

Cloudy & sultry with a light shower in forenoon & another at evening.

In forenoon Forbush & I planted about 2000 Lepine seeds which his children have gathered for me at Wauchan putting about half of them in Birch Field & the other half in Pine Park. I walked to Bell's Hill in P.M. Mosquitos & deer flies were about equally & very numerous & savage.

Concord - Cambridge - Boston.

July, 11.
1904

Clear & warm.

Returned to Cambridge by 5.13 train walking to Ball's Hill. Spent forenoon in Museum. Drove with Boston in P.M. with C. & Miss Swasey. Stopped first at Dr. Goldthwaite's. While C. was consulting with him I took a ride in his electric automobile. Afterwards went to the Pope Mem. Co's office to look at electric automobiles. Home by electric cars at 6 P.M. Samuel [illegible] took tea [illegible] Miss Swasey [illegible] on [illegible] book [illegible]

Cambridge - Boston. July 12
1904

Clear & very warm with light S. W. wind.
To Boston at 10 a. m. Spent about two hours
at Pope Mon. place where I bought an automobile
for $1150.00 Thence to office where I saw Estabrook
& Wakeman. Then back to Pope's where I took a
trip through the parks & around Jamaica Pond in
an old electric which I can want of our way.
The parks are very beautiful now. Returned to
Estabrook Chief where I [illegible] for an hour. Back
to Cambridge at 6 P.M.

Cambridge - Boston, July 13
1904

Clear and warm through the day. At evening a brisk N.W. wind arose & the night was very cool.

To Boston at 9.30 a.m. Called first at the Popa office & countermanded my order for an electric automobile because of the fact that my ride in one yesterday proved to be a sure strain on my nerves which are not in the best of conditions at present.

I afterwards called at the office, went to the safety vaults with Macintire to cut off the Fisk Wharf coupons, lunched with Arthur at the Exchange Club, called on Frazon at his store etc. Returning to Cambridge I went to the Oakley Club Store etc. Returning to drive with C. & Miss Swasey.

Cambridge, July 14,
1904.

Clear and cool.

Spent day in museum and garden, writing a few letters, clearing up my desk, superintending Patsy & his men who were cutting down the large cherry tree behind the museum which died last winter.

Townsend came out at 5 P.M. to identify some birds which he had borrowed from Essex Institute. There were 3 supposed European Dunlins which proved to belong to the American form and two Macrochamphus scolopaceus.

Townsend, Dr. J. E. Goldthwaite, Miss Swasey, C. & I took tea on the back piazza. A good flight of Robins.

First Acadia "frying" to-day. Two rink pond lilies in one pond

Cambridge - Portland, July 15
1904

Clear & intensely hot.

Spent the morning in the museum. While C. took the 1.15 P.M. train for Portland, Maine arriving there at 5.10. Just beyond Dover, N. H. we passed a long succession of fields & meadows thickly sprinkled with yellow lilies (L. canadense) in bloom. In two places we saw several acres of these lilies growing as closely together as our wet sees golden rod

Spent the night at the Lafayette House where Dr. & Mrs Gehring joined us. C. & I had each a long talk with our good Doctor

Portland - Concord, July 16, 1904.

Char & intensely hot.

C. & I both had anywhere Cong Cook with Dr. Gehring this morning. I also went out for a little shopping buying a Porto Rico Panama hat & some Indian baskets. We started for Boston at 12.45. The cars were suffocating & we had a tiring journey. C. went out to Cambridge & to Concord where I passed the night at the [illegible] house.

Concord, July 17

1904

Clear & cooler with fresh E. wind in Cole P.M.

Spent A.M. about the farm. Long came down and we rambled about planning for the autumn work. In P.M. skirted the river front from Brisk Island to Holden's Hill. Rev. eyed Vireos, Wood Pewees, Tanagers, Towhees, Field Sparrows & Robins in full song; also Song Sparrows. Heard a Partridge drum once near the Spring & saw an adult ô Marsh Hawk flying over Benson's pasture. Green Flags "Tunging"

Cambridge - June 20
1904

Clear & cooler.

Spent day walking with Potty & his man Jerry remodeling the little pond in front of the museum using the stones which Norman brought from Concord yesterday.

Concord – Cambridge, July 18, 1904.

A third intensely hot day relieved by a breath of E. wind in P.M.

Spent forenoon at farm. Went to Birch Field with Pat & gathered from old walls & stone heaps a large number of mossy or weather-stained stones which Hansen will take to Cambridge to-morrow & which I shall put around the little pond in front of the museum.

Returned to Cambridge via Bedford Hill & West Bedford by the 4.24 P.M. train

Cambridge, July 19, 1904

Still another intensely hot day with almost no wind.

Worked a little in the season in a.m. Hansen arrived at 10 a.m. with his load of stones. I sent him back with some pine boards, a big box & a clump of pink yarrow. The wire fence around the garden has "rotted out" & the cats are entering freely through the numerous gaps. I am having them potted as far as is practicable.

Cambridge - July 21
1904.

Cloudy & warm.

Spent day in museum & garden.

Cambridge. July 22, 1904

Clear with clouds gathering in P.M.

Spent day in museum & garden

Cambridge - Concord, July 23
1904

Cloudy with N. E. wind & occasional light showers.

Spent a. m. in nursery & garden planting a few fours about the new pond in front of nursery. Gilbert & I took 1.47 P. M. train to Concord taking [illegible]. Crossed river at W. Bedford & walked to [illegible] where I spent night

Concord, July 24
1904

Cloudy with light N. E. wind. Heavy showers in Cole P.M.

In forenoon walked to the Hodgman place to investigate some ferns while Mrs. Hodgman had told me were growing on a ledge in their pasture. Found them to be Woodsia obtusa the first I have ever seen living. There were not many of I took only three, one of which I planted on Pulpit Rock. The other two I shall take to Cambridge. Asplenium ebeneum also growing on this ledge. Heard 3 Quail whistling Bob-white in the neighboring fields. Spent P.M. working in the flower garden. Walked to Rublin place at evening

Concord - Cambridge, July 25
1904.

A. M. Cloudy with heavy showers of fine rain.
Latter part of P. M. Clear. Very Sultry.

Forbush worked in shop & at Ritchie place where we put sixe around the posts of the cow barn to try to keep out the Gray Squirrels. I also worked in the garden with Pat moving a lot of plants.
Returned to Cambridge by 4.20 train.

Cambridge - July 26, 1904

Clear & very warm.

Spent most of day in pursuance & garden but walked with C. to Elmwood & around behind the Cambridge Hospital after breakfast. The chasing is now in full bloom & very beautiful. Saw a Spotted Hawk hovering over the garden this afternoon. I am now allowed to write only one hour daily & time hangs heavy on my hands. I spend my hour revising "Cambridge Birds"

Cambridge, July 27, 1904

Clear & warm.

Worked an hour in A. M. revising the Cambridge Dist. Spent rest of day in reading & rambling about in the garden. Planted a number of blue bells & some thyme, received from Horsford, in the new rockery in front of museum. Bessy & Ruth Jefferson arrived at noon from Groton. They with Walter & Margie Dean, C. & I went to the Oakley to dine at 7 P. M.

Cambridge, July 28,
1904.

A. M. Chase & Hot. P. M. Chandy,

Worked my usual hour on revising the Cambridge Birds. Also read a good deal & strolled about the garden. The bee balm has been glorious but is going out of bloom. Humming birds constantly about it & about the trumpet flowers. Red-eyes, a Red-start & a Black & White Creeper in full song early every morning.

Cambridge - Concord, July 30, 1904

Forenoon brilliantly clear. Clouds gathering in late afternoon. Rather cool.

Spent most of day in Museum reading & working the usual hours. Took 5:01 train at Arlington for West Bedford. Forbush ferried me across the river & I walked to the farm. Gilbert had preceded me by the 2 P. M. train. Worked about the orchard & garden at evening.

Concord - Cambridge, August 1
1904

Clear & intensely hot with thunder shower at evening.

Spent A. M. working on the farm. Planted 21 bulbs of Lillium canadense in meadow below orchard. Visited Ritchie place & picked a lot of Japan plums. Started for Bull's Hill at 2.30. Dug a number of plants along river path & Barrett meadows. Crossed river to take 4.24 train. Saw it when I got to Mc. Grath's crossing & ran hard for the station. Failed to reach it but train stopped for me on the cursor C. & I called on. Sam Hurshaw this evening. Heard the first autumn crickets near his house.

Cambridge, August 3,
1904

Clear & warm.

Walter & I spent most of the forenoon at the Museum Comp. Zoölogy which I had not entered before since last autumn. Saw Hershaw (who has just been appointed Curator to succeed Dr. Woodworth Sept. 1, next.) Looked over the collections finding everything all right. Selected a series of bino modestus to loan to Maxon at Washington. Spent afternoon in medium & garden.

Cambridge, August 2,
1904

Cloudy with light rain all day. Oppressively humid & "sticky".

Spent day in Museum working upwards of three hours on letters, bills etc. Did a little planting in the Garden Bottoms. At evening C. & I went to Mrs. Taylor's to see a night blooming cereus which had just unfolded two of its incomparable flowers. Later we called at the Andrews' where we found Mr. Heywood & E.R.S.

Cambridge - December 18 1904

Snow storm last night & this morning 6 inches. Clearing about noon.

To church at St. Johns with C., out 8.30.

Spent a. m. in museum writing letters etc.

An unusual number & variety of birds in the garden

1 Brown Creeper, 3 Chickadees, White br. Nuthatch ♂,
1 Cedar Bird (a plainly colored one, without wax, eating barberries)
2 Blue Jays (screaming) 1 Downy Woodpecker ♀, a dozen or more English Sparrows.